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CEGEP costs sneak up on students

Service charges are tuition fees in disguise

BY ROBIN PERELLE

Free post-secondary education is rapidly becoming a thing of the past, as more and more CEGEPs in the Montréal area dig into student pockets to make up for decreased government funding.

Students registering last week for the winter semester at Vanier College were surprised to find a bill for "material fees" with their course listing print-out.

Anite Decarvalho, secretary general of L'Association Nationale des Etudiants et Etudiantes du Québec (ANEEQ) has spoken out against the new fees. "CEGEPs are supposed to be free, but everytime the government runs short of money, they attack the students," she said.

This year, science labs at Vanier will cost from $15-30, and all modern languages will carry a $5 course charge.

Add this cost to an existing annual registration fee of $102, and one year of study at this supposedly fully-subsidized institution can now run a tab of several hundred dollars.

Vanier's decision to implement some sort of user fee follows another round of government funding cuts, and is described by administrators as a necessary, though unfortunate, measure.

"The colleges have been facing a continuing budget shrinkage. $1.267 million was cut this year from our operating budget of eleven million dollars," said Dave Johnson, academic dean of Vanier College.

"In the previous two years we received cuts of $800 000, and we anticipate more cuts in the next two years totalling over a million dollars. We are facing a serious budget shortfall," Johnson said.

Nita Cheong, the director of finance at Vanier, said "Without the new material fees we couldn't maintain the quality of services given to our students."

Alan Pursell, a third-year communications student at Vanier, said students have been slow to react to the changes. "They just figure they have no choice, so they accept the fees."

Vanier students are not the only ones bearing the brunt of CEGEP budget cuts. Dawson College has added a $10 ten dollar registration fee for all returning students this semester.

At John Abbott College on the West Island of Montréal, students can't remember a time when lab fees weren't charged.

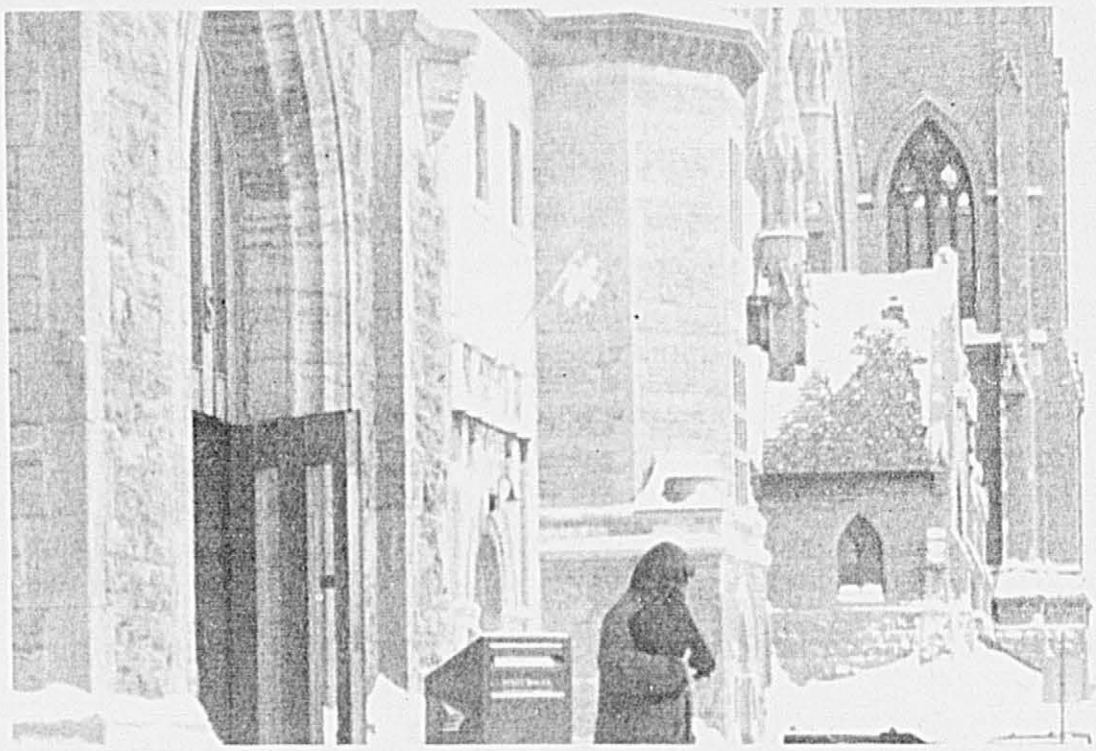
Decarvalho warns that such measures "will only discourage potential students. We don't have the means to pay school fees."

Fees will continue to rise in CEGEPs across the province as Education Minister Lucienne Robillard's changes come into effect. Approved in April 1993 during the Québec government's reassessment of the CEGEP system, the changes cover a wide range of issues, including curriculum adjustments and the implementation of tuition fees in certain circumstances.

Already part-time CEGEP students are being asked to pay for their courses. As of September, students who have failed five courses will lose their access to free education as well.

Though justified by the Ministry of Education as a "financial incentive to achieve", the $50 per course failure fee has been a subject of controversy since its introduction last spring, and faces continued opposition from several student groups.

As government resources continue to shrink, students should brace themselves for more compulsory contributions in the years to come.



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Vanier College

Tuition kept at bay

BY DAMION STODOLA

Canadian students at McGill will pay about $31 more next year for tuition. That's an increase of just 1.9 per cent, a far cry from the 25 per cent increase McGill counted on for next year's budget.

Student groups have been happily surprised by the moderate increase. They expected a more pronounced hike given the government's plan to raise tuition to the national average within four years.

Serge Charlebois, executive member of the Organisation Nationale Universitaire (ONU), attributed the low increase to the work of the student movement over the past year.

"We succeeded, right in the middle of an economic crisis, to make our opinions known," said Charlebois. "We mobilized students and made known the political danger to the Liberal Party of raising tuition too high."

The ONU attracted a great deal of media attention in the fall with its campaign against tuition hikes. Charlebois believes this media campaign was a major reason behind the minister's decision to raise tuition fees only minimally.

At McGill, Students' Society Vice President of External Affairs Andrew Work said the increase was reasonable. "I don't think $31 will kill us," said Work. "We're very pleased with the results."

The McGill Administration, however, is not greeting the news with big grins. In their 1994-1995 budget passed at Senate last year, McGill was counting on a 25 per cent increase in tuition fees — a $6.9 million gain for McGill.

The lower tuition fee increase means McGill will get $6 million less than they planned.

McGill Vice President of Finance John Armour said McGill can make up some of the difference if the government refrains from cutting grants. Next year's budget assumes a cut of $4-5 million based on last year's decrease.

"We can only hope, pray, that as the government has not decided to increase tuition fees that they will also decide not to cut the grants," said Armour. "If they do all the universities will be in serious trouble and that means the students are in trouble because it's their education."

The debating union does McGill proud

BY LIZ UNNA

McGill's Debating Union came home from Australia over the winter break oozing success. McGill teams came in first and second in the First World Invitational Debating Tournament in Brisbane. They also made it through the preliminary rounds of the World Championships of Debate and Public Speaking in Melbourne.

"I've never heard of any school doing as well as we did at the Brisbane tournament," said David Price, one of the four McGill students to attend the championships. The other students were Adrienne McNicholas, Gerry Butts and Peter Balasubramanian.

Their success is heightened by the fact that they were debating off their home turf, and with different rules.

"Normally we debate with two teams of two in a room," said Price. "In Australia, we debated in four teams of two, 'Scottish' style. Also, the person has to take at least two questions while they speak, which doesn't exist in normal Canadian debating."

Adrienne McNicholas also placed first in the world for public speaking in Melbourne.

"You're given one word and you have to speak for 5 to 7 minutes, you don't prepare at all. It tends to be better if you think of it as a fun game," said McNicholas of the Public Speaking tournament.

In the contest, she spoke about women in debating, and what can be done to draw more women to the field.

"Debating is sort of one of the last old boys clubs," says McNicholas. "I have no answer as to what it's a result of. But it's important not to blame the individual men on the debating ciruit, but rather to take the effort to search for what might really be causing the problem."

Word problems for a new age

Brush up on your math skills, participate in a reality check.

Brought to you by the friendly Daily staff.

Johnny sells crack to his kindergarten class. If he makes15 deals, at $4 each, at a profit margin of 40 per cent, what is the base price of his distributor?

If there are ten Daily editors, each with an average of three years of post-secondary training, what is the probability that at least two will be able to spell the word 'inadvertently' correctly?

You have a class that goes from 13h30 to 14h30 on Monday, you want to pile your plate at the salad bar, but the cafeteria closes at 14h. Will you be able to eat after class?

The McGill Administration wants to raise tuition by 25 per cent next year. If they get the hike, accept 2 000 new students, and get another donation from the Bronfmans, how many new Vice-Principles can they afford to hire?

Marks are not recorded on Mars until after the Drop/Add period. You flunk a class, but do not realize it. You therefore have to wait a whole year before you can take the class over. How many years will it take you to graduate if you fail one course every semester?

How many non-alcoholic beers does it take to get drunk?

There are 11 000 full time undergraduates at McGill. If the capacity of the McLennan-Redpath libraries is 3 600, and one eighteenth of the students write an exam on a given day, how many people must you fight for a seat the night before?

You are Michael Broadhurst. If there are 24 hours in a day, and seven days in a week, how many hours do you spend each week at official Students' Society functions?

If there are 59 workers, and 17 parasites, how long will it take for society to collapse into proletariat hell? (Trick question; society already is proletariat hell.)

Six women pimp Mark. If he does five men in one night, and brings in $300 each night, how much will the women make at a cut of 37% over a three month period?

The presidents limo is driving down the street at approximately 52 miles per hour. How many assassins bullets does it take to shear his head off and injure the passenger in the front seat of the car? What are the possible permutations given an increase in the number of assassins?

If an official government publication mentions drugs, what in God's holy name are they talking about?

If late registration fees accumulate throughout the duration of your McGill degree at an compounded interest rate of16%, how many years of data entry jobs will it take to pay off the pending fines?

If one unarmed black man walks down the street, how many Montréal cops will it take to beat him up?

Godsend Enterprises has 8 million dollars invested in a numbered bank account in the Cayman Islands. If they receive 213% annual interest, how much more will they earn over a 8 month period, than if they had invested with the Royal Bank of Canada.

How many containers of Peanut Butter Light does that guy in the lobby have to hand out before he gets paid?

How many heterosexual white males does it take to suppress a minority of a much larger number?

Seven English majors are in a room. How many episodes of Three's Company do they have to watch before they generate an Honors Thesis?

Canadian studies in political science has 9 professors. If seven are on leave, how many classes will actually be taught?

Two thousand dollars is raised by eight frats for the homeless. How many pitchers of beer does that buy for each fratboy?

Bring your responses down to the Daily! Winners will be the guest stars at the Daily elections on Thursday.

Oyez! Oyez!

Wanna be the Glenn Gould of the journalism world? Bring your eccentricity to the position of Daily editor. Positions up for grabs: News editors (2 positions) elected Thursday, Jan. 20

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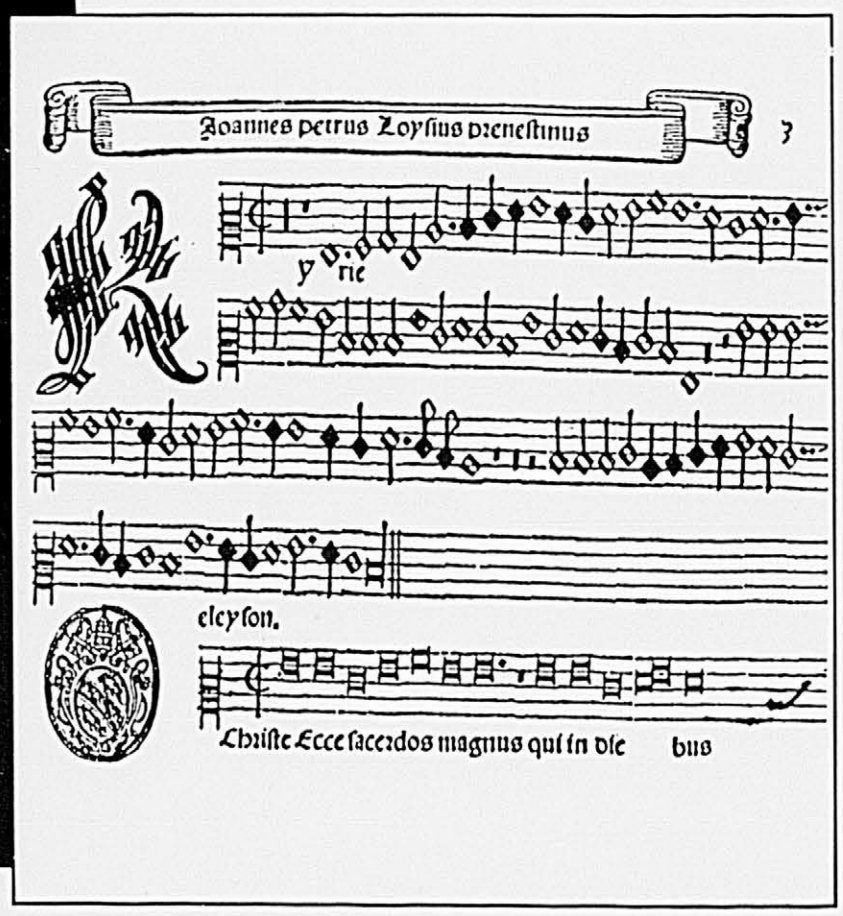

Face-to-face with bureaucracy:

Mindless immigration laws confront international students

BY EUGENIA XENOS

John is waiting for one piece of paper so that he can go to the U..S. border, cross it, then come back into Canada so that he can get another. What John is trying to do is study legally at McGill as an international student.

But the process in Québec is making this difficult for him, and so far he hasn't succeeded.

For although Canadian and Québec immigration officials say they want to attract international students, the process for getting a student authorization in Québec is so bureaucratic, it is more likely to encourage students to study elsewhere — or at least to study illegally for a while.

What makes the Québec situation so difficult is that two pieces of paperwork are required to study here as a university or CEGEP student. In the rest of Canada, a student only needs to get a student authorization, which can be obtained at the border.

In Québec, students need both the student authorization and the Certificat d'acceptation du Québec (CAQ). The problem is that you need to have the CAQ before you can apply for the student authorization.

And, of course, you can't get both at the same place.

The ties that bind

The CAQ comes from Québec immigration offices, and the student authorization can only be obtained at the border (or airport, if you fly in). They cost $100 each.

Students coming from countries other than the U.S. aren't usually in the position to study illegally because they have a harder time entering the country without having their paperwork in order.

But for John (not his real name), an American undergrad, the process has been complicated. And three weeks into the semester, he still isn't legal. John still doesn't have his CAQ because he was not accepted from the university early enough to send away for it. Québec Immigration authorities suggested he come into the country, anyway, and get a temporary federal permit in the meantime.

However, John soon found out that no such thing exists.

He arrived in Montréal a few days before the semester started, hoping to get the CAQ quickly enough so that he could take a bus trip across the border, then come back into Canada in order to get a Canadian student authorization before classes started.

No such luck. While in the U.S. it takes about a day to get a student visa, in Québec, it can take weeks or months. John has an appointment to see a Québec immigration official at the end of January. Legally, he shouldn't be attending classes.

"A lot of these games are unnecessary," he says. "A lot of this stuff is due to a lack of information. Tell students what they need to know, and be straightforward about it."

International student facts

In 1993-4, there were:
- 900,000 full-time, post-secondary students studying in Canada (350,000 in colleges, 550,000 in universities).
- 500,000 part-time, post-secondary students studying in Canada
- 65,000 international full-time, post-secondary students.

Therefore, 7 percent of all full-time students are international students.

In 1990:
- 3 percent of full-time international students were under graduates.
- 13 percent were master's students.
- 25 percent were doctorate students.

-Figures from CBIE

One of the biggest problems, though, is that different information is given in different countries, according to Claudette Fortier, Concordia's International Student Advisor. For instance, she cites the case of a Chinese student who was told she needed a certificate of English as a second language when it was not required. The student had to postpone her studies at least a year to get it.

Fortier said the process has become even more difficult since Québec instituted a $100 fee for the CAQ last September. Until then, the CAQ was free. Its collection creates problems for students who live in countries that are not serviced by a Quebec immigration office.

"If you take it by itself, a fee of $100 is not the end of the world. But for graduate students coming with dependents of school age, it becomes an obstacle. They have to also pay $100 each for the two certificates per child. It can really add up if they're spending a few years here."

She points out that Québec also has the highest international student fees, except for some medical and engineering programs, which cost more in Ontario. An undergraduate student taking 30 credits per year in Québec can expect to pay $7000 to $8000 in tuition fees.

Off to Vaigreville

Another hurdle to getting legal status is the closing of local federal immigration offices, scheduled for next April, in favour of a "super processing centre" in Vaigreville, Alberta — former Tory deputy prime minister Don Mazankowski's old district.

One of these offices is currently in Montréal. When it closes, it will mean students will have to plan better in sending away for renewals, and it will take longer to get information. "It may be more economical to have one central processing centre, but does the government think of the clients?" Fortier asks.

Jeffrey Holmes, vice-president of research and services at the Canadian Bureau of International Education (CBIE), says that his non-governmental organization is against these offices closing down "because there is a very good rapport between the local branch immigration officers and International Student Advisors and others who deal with foreign students. It would be bad to break that rapport."

Holmes says there is a possibility that the federal government may keep two or three regional offices, most likely the ones in Montréal, Toronto and Vancouver. The operative word, however, is possibility.

In addition, international students now have to prove they have at least $7200 for living expenses in order to study here. As of next March, Fortier says there is a plan to increase that amount to $9600.

"The country doesn't want to welcome students who don't have money to study," Fortier says. "You have to be able to afford living expenses.

"But if the student calculates tuition, living expenses, immigration and other fees and finds that they'll be paying a difference of $2000 or more, he or she may decide to study in Europe, or Australia or the U.S. On the one side, we gain something; on the other side, we don't."

Border hijinx

Cecile, also an American student currently at McGill, is also "illegal." She has had numerous problems with student visas, including the time border officials turned her away because she did not have the minimum amount of money in her bank account.

She says that until then, she had never even heard about this.

Another time, she had taken a semester off, only to find out at the border that the CAQ, which said it was valid for another three months, *de facto* expired when she failed to return to school in the fall. At the border, the officer said she should have applied for another before coming to Canada.

Cyrus Merrill, a 22-year-old (legal) Master's student at McGill, says he had problems because he paid the embassy in the U.S. for the student authorization form before he left home — but then had to pay again at the border when authorities insisted.

Holmes agrees that there is a lack of information about what is involved in studying in Canada. The CBIE spends much of its time answering some 6000 questions per year from around the world. He says he hasn't heard of students studying illegally, but that it doesn't surprise him.

"There is a recognition that it has to be more simple to study in Canada. It just gives us a bad reputation if it's hard to deal with Canadians because you have to contact five different people instead of one."

In part, Holmes is referring to the two-step process needed in Québec, even though essentially the same information is required for both the CAQ and the Canadian student authorization.

Claude Fradette, an information officer in the Québec communications department, says there should be less "doubling up" of information-gathering because it would cost less.

But he says the federal government is having a hard time "letting go" of the process because they have been doing it for such a long time.

He says the provincial government introduced the new $100 fee in part because, in his opinion, it was a matter of "keeping up with the Joneses". The feds were charging; Québec wasn't.

"Not only that, but the '90s mentality is that if you want a service, you pay for it. We don't have the money to let it be free anymore."

Concordia's Fortier believes "the new CAQ was purely a financial decision. They didn't assess whether it would have any impact on the enrolment of international students in Québec."

Fradette doesn't think it will dissuade students from studying here. "I don't believe the bureaucracy will get worse. We now have permits that will last three years instead of one, and soon, students will be able to change universities without changing permits. Besides, if people go elsewhere, it's because they like the other country, or university, or program, better."

Still, the process is so complicated "because we want to be involved in everything. We want to be everywhere," Fradette says.

"Of course, these are the wrong responses. The right answer is that we need to control who comes into the province to make sure they conform to requirements and have the sufficient funds, etc," he says.

'Patently absurd' conspiracy

While John and Cyrus agree that the issue is Québec wanting control over immigration, Cecile says she can't help thinking the government deliberately makes it hard to study legally.

That way, if the student should prove "undesirable" in the future, the governments will have a solid reason for which to expel them.

Murray Gordon, a senior policy advisor in the immigrant policy directorate, says this is "patently absurd". Gordon says it goes against the objectives of the Immigration Act, which are "to facilitate the entry of visitors into Canada for the purpose of fostering trade and commerce, tourism and culture and scientific activities in international understanding."

He says his impression is that "expulsion is not very common. It has been fairly common to allow students who have committed minor violations like that to remain on a minister's permit to either finish the year or program — at which point they would be expected to leave, even if it's only to go and regularize their status from outside of Canada."

He says there is a legal basis for this. But "from the enforcement point of view, we have far more important things to do than to chase students for violations like this."

Still, if the objective of the Immigration Act is "to facilitate the entry of visitors," it hasn't exactly passed the test.

"They're keeping us running like gerbils in a gerbil cage," Cecile says. "It's crazy."

COMMENT

Reform's "open" line is just a line

The poets of populism have struck again in Canada. Last week, the Reform Party announced it would be setting up a special telephone line and a fax number. The special service will be organized to allow the questions of "rank and file Canadians" to head directly to the House of Commons for Question Period. This is a clear indication of Reform Party populism and doublespeak.

First of all, the use of special telephone lines and fax machines is not a new concept. Doesn't every MP have a fax machine and telephone number? Moreover, the service's redundancy seems even more evident since constituents will be paying for the call or fax. But let's assume the Reform Party's tactics are different.

I heard Preston Manning speak at Queen's University three years ago. Before he gave his address, members of the audience were asked to write down their questions and submit them to the chair. This screening process ensured that Manning could answer the questions to his own tune, and avoid the challenging issues. The audience was so unimpressed with this method that there was an eruption in the room, cutting short the question period.

This leads me to question how all-inclusive the Reform's idea is. Are we to believe that a party so vehemently opposed to homosexuality will address questions from gay Canadians? Issues such as why the government is moving so slowly on equal rights for gays and lesbians will hardly find support from the Reform party.

The Reform Party has taken a strong stance against wearing turbans in the RCMP. Are we to believe a Reform MP will read a Sikh-Canadian's question challenging the policy which bans the wearing of turbans in Canadian legion halls?

Since Reformers had such close connections to the apartheid regime in South Africa, would Reform MPs have brought forth Canadians' questions requesting the maintainance of sanctions? Undoubtedly, the same pick-and-choose tactics will be utilized with their 'new' service.

The Reform's technological advancement is supposedly designed to bring Canadians into a modern era of more "direct democracy". This notion, however, is a clear attempt to garner support for a new party with archaic and out-dated ideas.

Chris Sheridan

ERRATUM

In last Thursday's issue of the Daily Culture (January 13,1994) we falsely attributed a quote from George Bush to our leader, Mark Luz, Student Society president. At no point did Luz ever utter the words "Read My Lips." In fact, in a tragic accident involving salt and a large vacuum cleaner, Mark Luz's lips were liposuctioned off. What he did say however, was "I AM AN ALIEN FROM THE PLANET SMOOTONIA!"

LETTERS

Read his lips

To the Daily:

I do not make it a practice to respond to criticism of my position by either student newspaper on this campus by writing letters to the editor, but I feel that I should point out one inaccuracy in your comment of January 13, 1994. I think you should inform your readers that I did not at any time state "READ MY LIPS, No fee hikes." I would never use a phrase as ridiculous as "Read my lips". The Daily might think that I would admire and use any sound bite that George Bush coined, but I have better speech writers.

Yours Truly,

Mark Luz
President, SSMU

Fish-fucking trollops

To the Daily:

Corpulent indolent indulgent, childish necrophilial louse infested shit-for-brains, stool bowel freak, narcissistic rambunctious crabby malcontent ruffians, vivacious philandering troglodytes, toad-licking hippie corporate bourgeios running-dog lackeys, smegma-sniffing dilletantes, pretentious vericose babboons, analingual fellatiatic neanderthal scum, billious gasous snot-nosed erudite scuzzy flagellant zealous Luz-loving xenophobic pedophiles, perverted tesselated testicular redicchio junkies, unctuous petty crass classless jubilant cronies, pussy arse acerebral fat-cats, prodigal crepuscular bovine baroclinic delapitated genitals, ingenuous miserly dumb nihilistic marxist capitalist maosit fascist communist socialist anarchist swines, red pinko milk-toast demagogues, white-bread WASP carcinogenic simple inbred pacifistic peregoric insensitive skeeze balls, senseless illiterate frat-boy comparative political scientists, rapacious turkeys tools twits bon-vivants, harlots whoopers, course vulgar criminal corpse-defacing charlatans, dregs, infamous vile rotten low debased senile Harrison Gray Otis, gangrened grimacing impotent impudent frothing fuming violently-jibbering snarling disgraceful corrupt depraved putrecent crooked oozing retched reptilian monstrous purple-assed liquifactionist wimps, maniacal simopathic asceptic simean gramophones, barren reactionary nerdy hick hillbilly enigmatic empty harbringers of skag chickenshit pansies, meliflous equivocating vacillating brutish fraudulent thugs, false fornicating commercial vitriolic avaricious, petulant bureaucratic fish-fucking trollops, drunken craven obsequious apostate lepers, nepotistic codependant masochistic despots, barbaric bloated nasal-sex-loving dentists, bashful funkadelic beastly ruminant archaic twisted confused geeky puppies, un-hep rosicrucian imperialist capricious precocious bombastic incorrigible arbitrary venomous tepid hamsters, effacious celibate sedentary narcoleptic juicy hemorhoids, verbose rancid malodourous sordid bleeding-heart duck-fuckers, diseased pathetic flatulent belching burping snarfing jackasses, cum-stained atrophied acne-infested anti-monarchist pudenda, lilly-livered recidivist fart-catching ignorant gaunching elvis-seeing whiners, stuck-up fucked fly-ridden pedantic soporific mucus-feeling plebeian curs, scatological vomiting blemished anal spineless scrotal pustules.

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James Cook
B.A. U3

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THE BEST DEFENCE

Do personal alarms and weapons really deter attacks on women?

BY CAROL MCQUEEN

MONTREAL (CUP) — Personal alarm systems and weapons such as pepper spray are sold to women as products which will ensure their safety. They're meant to be carried at all times. If attacked, a woman can press the alarm button and scare the assailant away or alert passers-by to her predicament.

More and more critics are saying that these "weapons" only instill a false sense of security.

"If you lose it or it breaks, you will be lost. It doesn't hurt to carry an alarm but never put all your faith in it. It is a much better philosophy to learn to rely on yourself," says Jennifer Joyal, a Montréal architect.

Concordia student Carroll Wilson agrees.

"Anyone who buys a device should realize that they still have to take major safety precautions. If it gives a false sense of security, it can be very dangerous. It's not the answer to women's safety."

However, the president of Diffusion Quali Pro, which markets an alarm device, insists these products are useful.

"Women will be safer if they carry a personal alarm. If they find themselves in a quietarea and someone tries to attack them, the alarm will attract attention," said Arieh Bitton.

Québec, 1992: 48.6 per cent of assaulted women were attacked by their partner. Another 24.7 per cent were assaulted by an ex-partner. And 23.9 per cent were attacked by someone they did not know. Women are not going to carry mace sprays within the confines of their own home.

Steve Quiblat, a women's self-defence instructor at Concordia, agrees that in some instances an alarm can be useful.

"If you're being mugged, an alarm can help. It will deter the thief from running off with your bag," he said.

But his support stops there.

"When it comes to protection of self, such a device or gadget may hinder you in defending yourself. It gives a false sense of confidence," said Quiblat. "When someone jumps on you, the first thing you do is go for the gadget. You become dependent on it because you believe in it so much. The gadget could be taken away by the attacker."

Quiblat says women should use their own bodies to protect themselves. By taking a self-defence class, they can learn the necessary skills to fend off an assailant.

"When looking for a self-defence class, women should follow their feelings. If the techniques are too complicated and too flashy, it probably won't be helpful. If they are simple, straightforward and down-to-Earth, then it probably works," he said.

A Concordia graduate student who took Quiblat's self-defence course explained why it was so effective.

"It taught me quick and easy techniques which were not as complicated as the martial arts. With practice they became instinctive — in a real situation you must act instinctively," she said. "In the course, we would do stress drills which simulated real attacks. This scared me, but I knew it was essential."

Personal alarm systems and weapons are nothing but a marketing ploy, she added. "These devices do not protect you. They do more harm than good. They play on women's fear just to make a buck."

Craig Best, president of the Collège National de Securité, specializes in self-defence. Being a police officer as well, he has conducted officer training courses all over North America. Since 1986, Best has been teaching women sexual assault prevention. "Aggressors are always looking for an easy target. If you harden that target, it won't be targeted," he said.

His motto is KISS — keep it survival simple. He suggests women who are being attacked should scream, strike in an effective fashion and run.

He dismisses personal alarm systems as useless.

"If you are in an isolated area, whether or not you have a buzzer will not be the end of your worries. Car alarms go off all the time without anyone really noticing," he said. "What if it doesn't work? Or if the assailant breaks it or steps on it?"

Best considers weapons to be even more dangerous for women to carry around, especially if they do not know how to use them properly.

"A lot of women carry knives. If they are going to do this, they must know how and be willing to use it. It's a very personal weapon. You have to be very close to the attacker to use it. If a woman uses it as a scare tactic, the attacker could get ahold of it and then use it against her," he explained.

Best also stressed the fact that most women are assaulted by people they know in the privacy of their own home. In Quebec in 1992, 48.6 per cent of assaulted women were attacked by their partner. Another 24.7 per cent were assaulted by an ex-partner. And 23.9 per cent were attacked by someone they did not know.

"These devices do not protect you. They do more harm than good. They play on women's fear just to make a buck."

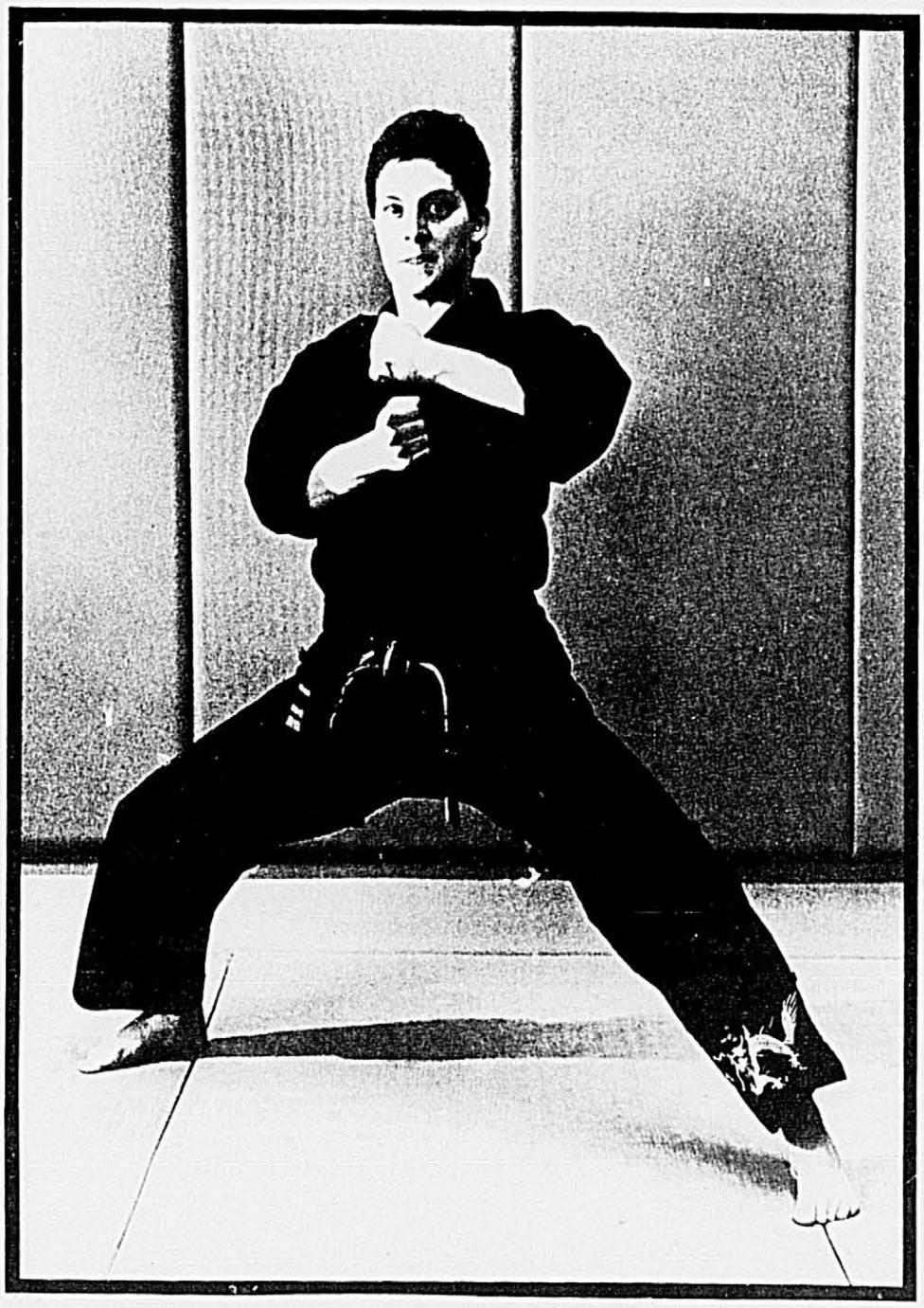
Women are not going to carry mace sprays within the confines of their own home.

"Self-defence teaches women how to be patient for the right opportunity to react to aggression. It teaches them how to fend off attacks from all sides, how to get a man off from on top of her and what to do if she is down on the ground," Best said.

He also suggested some preventative measures women can adopt to lessen the chance of assault. They should try to vary their schedules and routes so a potential assailant can't establish a pattern of movement. If their car breaks down, they should be wary of allowing men to assist them directly. Instead, they should speak through the window and ask that a tow truck be called.

As long as violence against women persists, personal alarm systems and weapons will be found on the market, advertised and sold as a means of protection and security. But they are not all they are made out to be.

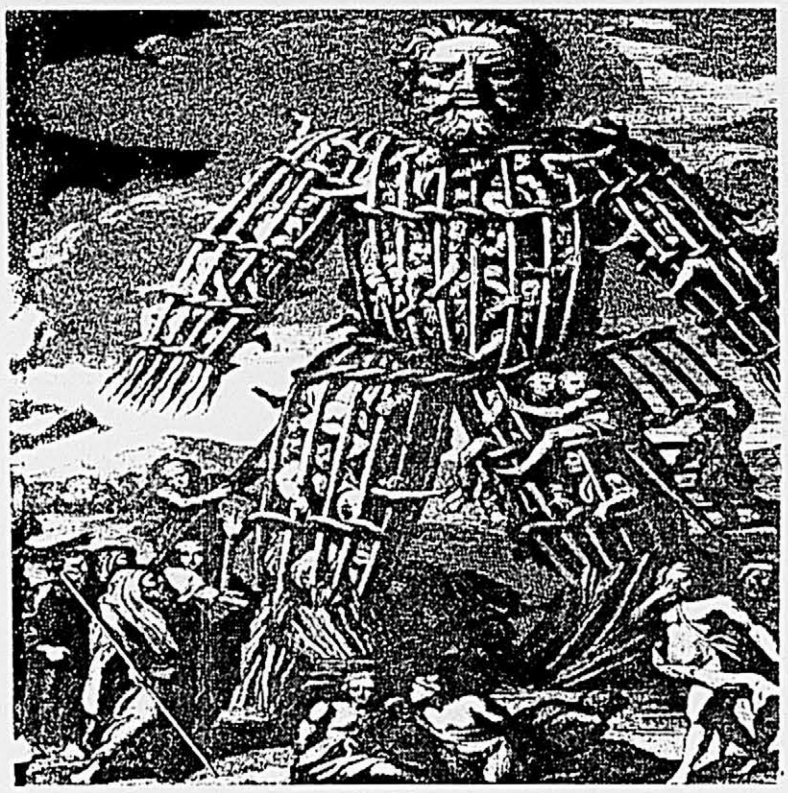
As Craig Best explains, "Women hide behind these instruments like they were magic wands. They are not."



Wendi from New Haven defends herself

Intellectual abuse of grads has to stop, report says

BY JOYA BALFOUR



Intellectual rights and property of graduate students at Québec universities are being abused, says a report by the Regroupement des Associations des Cycles Supérieurs du Québec. The report, presented at a Post Graduate Students Society press conference on Tuesday, contains recommendations that will improve protection for graduate research assistants.

Patrick Lahaie, vice president of the Fédération des Étudiants Universitaires du Québec, believes this report is an important step for the student movement.

"This report creates debate for the government concerning the rights of graduate students doing research," said Lahaie. "The third recommendation [concerning the litigation settlements on intellectual property] is interesting because it emphasizes the advantage of parity committees that will defend these rights."

Most Québec universities only have a vague definition of the rights and responsibilities of graduate research assistants. Because the existing policies are somewhat confusing and vary according to each university, the ensuing conflicts create difficulties for grad students wishing to make a claim.

Fear of job termination is a main deterrent to pursuing a claim to intellectual property. The report states:

"The student, for fear of not being reengaged, or for other reasons, renounces his/her rights in favour of the professor, who finds this normal due to the fact that the student-researcher has no viable defense and that very few students have the courage to defend their rights."

Universities are now being called on to make the next move.

"McGill has already taken one step forward. For the Québec universities (UQ) a statute of graduate students' rights still needs to be defined," said Lahaie. "There should be a reaction from the universities on the subject [of the report]. [It] is very well structured and defines what intellectual property is. It is the universities that need to react, more so than the government."

PGSS will release another report in the spring on the subject of high graduate drop-out rates.

Ontario schools gang up on fee-hike proposal

BY SARA-LYNNE LEVINE

OTTAWA (CUP) -- An association of Ontario university presidents is taking heat from student groups and some university senates over its proposal to hike tuition fees by up to 50 per cent.

The senates of Trent University, Algoma University College and McMaster University voted at the end of last term to reject the proposal from the Council of Ontario Universities.

"This is a victory for student leadership," said Emechete Onuoha, chair of the Ontario branch of the Canadian Federation of Students. "This means that if students want to make a statement, they can do so through the senate."

Each year, the provincial government sets maximum tuition increases for Ontario's universities. In each of the last three years, the ceiling has been set at seven per cent.

Last August, the council released a discussion paper calling for tuition hikes of 30 to 50 per cent for undergraduate programs and up to 200 per cent for some graduate programs over the next two years.

The report also recommended the creation of an income-contingent loan system to help students pay for the increased tuition.

The council is a body of university presidents who make recommendations to the government on education policy.

Peter George, the council's president, said while McMaster voted to reject the council's paper, it recommended that tuition fees should increase at a slower pace.

He said the paper "was only one piece of input" for the government and the council is "not writing the government policy for them."

George said the Canadian Federation of Students has "consistently gotten it wrong over the last six months."

The CFS was one of three student groups asked to speak at one COU meeting on Dec. 17. The Ontario Undergraduate Student Alliance and the Graduate Student Association of Ontario were also invited.

Onuoha said it was the first time in 30 years that student groups were invited to address the council.

The student representatives proposed that the council be restructured to provide students full voting positions.

George said the council may consider having annual discussions with student leaders.

EVENTS

There will be an important meeting for all members of the McGill Food Co-op today at 17h00 in Eaton 510. For information call 398-7432.

Take part in *Alcohol Awareness Week* workshops today in Shatner 425. 12h30: Sex and Alcohol, 13h00: Dealing with Drunk Friends, 13h30 Alcoholsim on Campus. Tonight come to hear panel discussion on campus violence, sexual assault, pathology and psychology related to alcohol use. Leacock 132, 18h30, free.

The Goddess is a Shopping Bag Lady, a McGill Players' Theatre Production, is running until January 22. $5 students, and $10 regular. For information or reservations call 398-6813.

The *ASA* will hold a General Assembly today in room 107 at 14h30. Attendance appreciated.

Deadline for submissions for the *McGill Journal of Political Science* is January 21; deadline for Latitudes: the *McGill Journal of Developing Area Studies* is January 27.

Interested in *long-term programs in Israel*? Talk with Tina Ornstein Shlicha, today from 12h00 to 14h00 at Hillel, 3460 Stanley. For more information call 845-9171.

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Today is *Weedless Wednesday*, part of national non-smoking week. Butt out for the day! Visit the Health Services booth in the Union Building all day. Want to quit smoking permanently? McGill Health Services presents "In Control", a stop-smoking program on video cassette. To Participate in this non-pressure program leave your name at health Services (398-6017) or to the booth.

PSSA presents *Grad School Seminar*, today from 12h30 to 14h30 in Leacock 429.

The McGill Review of Interdisciplinary Arts is accepting undergraduate papers for its first issue until Friday, January 21. Eligible academic papers must be interdisciplinary in subject matter. Please submit the paper in duplicate along with two copies of a brief statement explaining how your submission is interdisciplinary. Include your name and telephone number, and drop off the papers at the Leacock Porter's office. Call Mitra at 844-4907 or Gibran at 982-5009 for more information.

SSMU Environmental Committee meeting, today at 17h00, in Union 310. Important meeting for new and returning volunteers. Anyone interested in environmental responsibility around McGill should attend. Call Mark at 333-2877 for more information.

Can we end violence against women? Come to the next *International Socialists* meeting, Concordia University Hall Building, Rm. H771. Tonight at 19h30. All are welcome.

Friday night *dinner and dicussion group* at Hillel. Deadline for reservations and payment of $9 is today. Grads and students in professional programs welcome. 845-9171. Sponsored by Hillel and CJLSA.

Sufi Sheikh Hisham al-Qabbani, spiritual leader of the North American Nagshibandi communty will divulge secrets of the heart. Come and meet an authentic saint. Room 232 Leacock, Thursday 16h00 to 18h00. Everyone welcome, for more information call 278-8446.

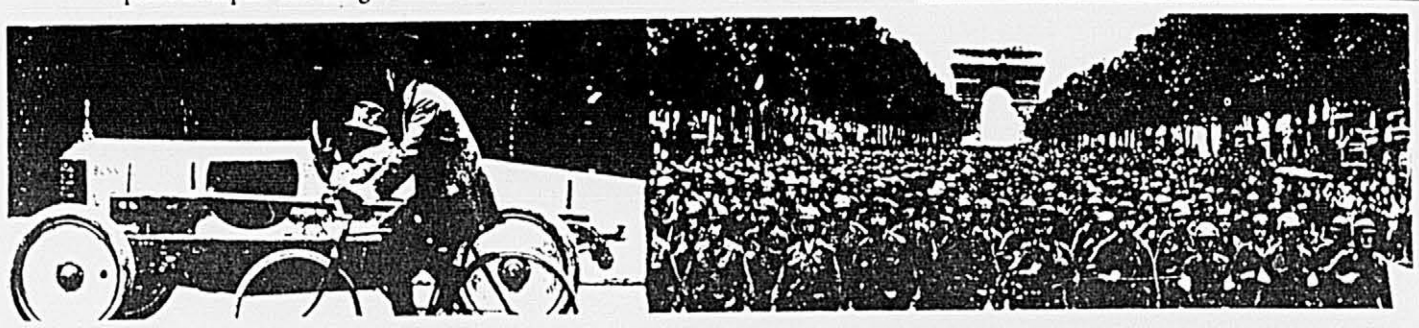
Dr. Mahmoud Farghal, Ambassador of Egypt to Canada will speak on "The Middle East after the Cold War" Friday January 21. Arts Council Room, 14h30.

Shakti - A Women of Colour Collective is having an Open Forum on Friday, January 21, at 17h30 in the Eaton Building, 5th floor. The event will be wheelchair accessible. Topics for discussion will be Violence against Women in the Third World, and Our Definitions of Feminism. For more information call Sita at 398-7432.

The Art History Student's Association is looking for artists to participate in the *4th Annual Art Exhibit*, to be held Feb. 3,4,7, and 8th. For information call 284-4296 or 488-1121 by January 31, or pick up application in the Art History department W280.

McGill Taiwanese Students Association presents Movie Night on Friday, Jan 28 at 18h30, Leacock 26. Two great movies will be shown; Osmanthus Alley 18h30 and The Loser, The Hero at 20h30. English and Chinese subtitles. Tickets $3 for members and $4 for the public. For more information call 398-6825.

Themes for the *Black History Month Writers' Project* are The Back Experience, and Why a Chair in Black Canadian Studies? Submissions are now welcome. Call 937-0365 for more information.



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The speakers will be:

Professor Maria Trawinska *Dr. Homa Hoodfar*
Professor Laurel Bossen
Diane Rioux (Vice Pres., The Advisory Council on the Status of Women – Eastern Region)

DATE: Saturday, January 22, 1994
TIME: 10am to 4pm, Registration at 9:30am
LOCATION: McGill University, Leacock Building
ADMISSION: $10. adults, $5. students.
A light lunch will be served

For information and tickets please contact:
Margaret Lefebvre or Joanna Kranz
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Vice-Principal (Academic)

The University invites nominations and appointments for the position of Vice-Principal (Academic). The appointment, effective 1st August, 1994, is normally for a five-year term and may be renewed.

Reporting to the Principal, the Vice-Principal (Academic) has overall responsibility for 12 academic faculties, as well as the Libraries, Centre for Continuing Education, Dean of Students, Admissions Office, Registrar's Office, Summer Studies, Centre for University Teaching and Learning, Centre for Research and Teaching on Women, Instructional Communications Centre, McGill-Queen's University Press, and the Rutherford Museum.

Candidates should have appropriate scholarly credentials and administrative experience and be able to communicate effectively in English and French.

In accordance with Canadian immigration requirements, this advertisement is directed, in the first instance, to Canadian citizens and permanent residents.

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David Johnston
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God spits on Weston Pool, and my soul rebels

BY JOHN DAVIS

The Music faculty is getting some much needed space in a planned expansion to be built on the corner of Sherbrooke and University. The complication, for some at least, is that Weston pool already stands on that spot.

The nine story expansion to the Strathcona Music Building, funded and supplied in part by the Sony Corporation, will house an opera hall. The impending destruction of the Weston pool, however, has sparked opposition on McGill campus — from students who use the pool and from others who are concerned about the historic nature of the building.

McGill student Deborah Frankel circulated a petition against the demolition of the pool. "I really like swimming in the pool. It's beautiful and it would suck to see it go," she said.

Mr. Martin Thomas, a McGill Alumni, also wants to preserve the building. "I'm not against the music department, just preserve what is there, what has been given."

A grant from Garfield Weston made the pool's construction possible in 1959. Weston pool opened its doors officially on November 27 of that year to become the only pool in North America with stained glass windows. The specific nature of Mr. Weston's grant comes immediately in question with the proposed new building— was the Weston pool built according to the specific wishes of the donor? And if it was, can McGill then destroy it?

According to Ms. Gerry Dubrule, who retired last year after working at Weston pool for 15 years, the grant was given by Mr. Weston so that female swimmers at McGill, among whom were Weston's two daughters, would have a pool of their own.

"In the 1950's, a group of us (Female swimmers at McGill) started a fund, on our own, to try and build a pool. Dr. Roscoe (then Warden of R.V.C) got us the stained glass windows from Donald Smith's (Lord Strathcona) old house, and then, with her help, we got the 25, 000 grant from Garfield Weston," said Dubrule.

"I would think that if the man was alive he would be really angry that his gift was going down the toilet, so to speak," she added.

But the architectural body which houses the Weston pool is not classified as a donation by McGill, nor is it assessed to be of enough architectural value to warrant its preservation. Specific documentation of Mr. Weston's grant is as yet unlocated, so it is unclear how this conclusion was reached. Archival evidence from the McGill archives are either non-existant or simply not yet found, and so far, the only specific description of the gift is the testament of Ms. Debrule.

Nor has the Weston Pool building been identified by McGill or the City of Montréal as an historic monument. Mike Fish, an architect and founder of "Save Montréal", says he assessed all the buildings on McGill campus twenty years ago, and the Weston Pool was not qualified as an architectural monument.

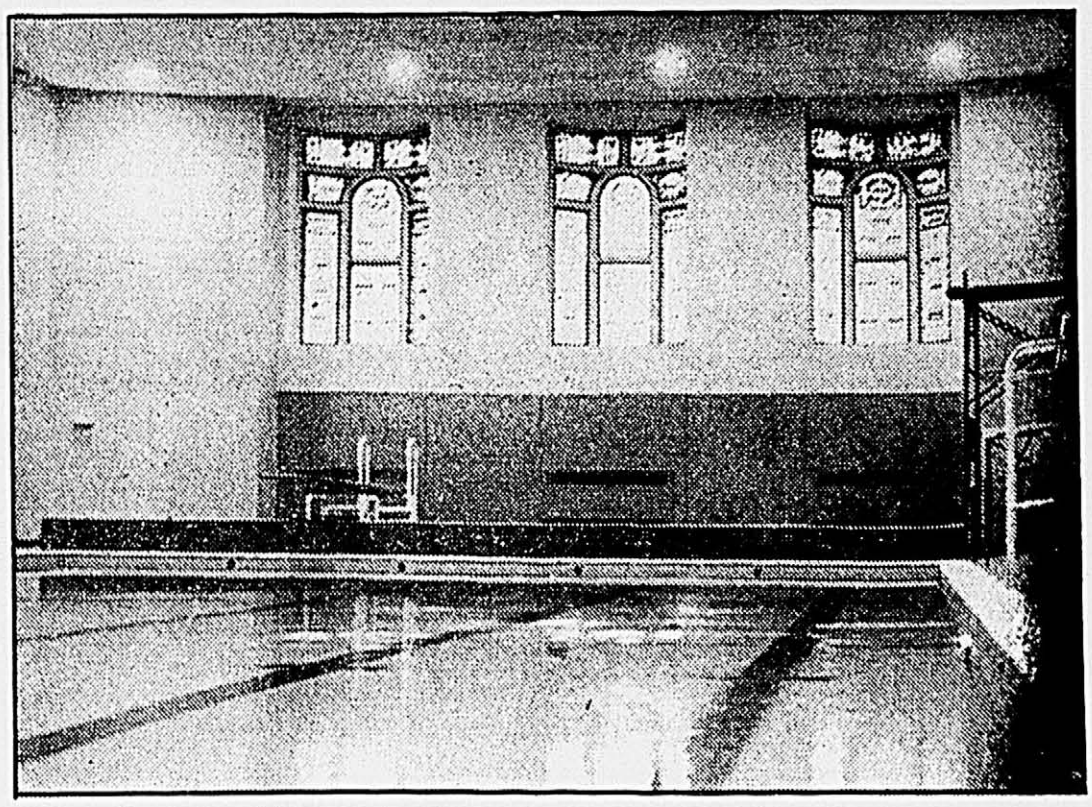
When asked about preserving the Pool building based on its historic value, Fish said, "I'm very sympathetic, I spend most of my life defending buildings, but if [people] have a problem with [the destruction of the Weston pool building] they should make a case based on the need for a pool in that specific area, and not the building's historic value."

Associate Vice-Principal of Physical Resources Sam Kingdon said that the project to expand the Strathcona building was still in its most basic form, as architects had just been engaged to plan the final form. By his reckoning, the most early date at which construction could begin would be the Spring of 1996.

He was able to say, however, that the music faculty "plans to use the site (of Weston Pool) for part of the new music building." Vp Kingdon also said that the pool would most likely be relocated, though not necessarily within the expanded music facilities.

Weston Pool's future rests ultimately with its past. If its construction was carried out because of a specific grant, then the Weston pool could become another Gaulte estate, or Peter Redpath reading room.

But, if Weston pool is the exclusive property of McGill University, the University can and will do what it wants, despite the criticism of those who disagree. In the end, those who are unhappy with the pool's impending destruction need to decide whether to lobby against the planned music expansion, or simply to unify behind the relocation, rather than abolition, of the Weston Pool.



Swimmer's eye view of the Weston Pool

Does your McGill include Canada?

BY CHRIS MIDGLEY

Recently, Canadian content courses in political science appear to have come under attack. Out of ten cancelled courses in the department this semester, four dealt with Canadian politics.

Is there a conspiracy afoot in the halls of the political science department? Is McGill rejecting Canada from a department already reputed for its lack of Canadian content?

According to the department chair Hudson Meadwell, there is no conspiracy against Canada at McGill, this is just an exeptional semester. Five professors are away on leave, leaving a vacuum within the department and no resources to fill it.

"In tight budgetary times," said Meadwell, "a lack of resources will affect course availability when professors go on leave."

Bob Collins, an executive on the McGill Political Science Graduate Students Association (MGAPS) added, "changes in the faculty have led to an odd situation."

Professor Gidengil, the graduate program director, went on leave this year passing her duties on to Professor Manfredi. Professor Mallory, who used to teach the Canadian politics honours seminar is on a reduced work load, therefore this responsibility has been left to Manfredi as well. These added duties allow him to teach only three, instead of his usual four courses.

Another scholar in the Canadian field, Professor Schultz, is spending this semester at Duke University. Professor Black is on a one term sabattical, Professor Thomson is on a reduced work load as he approaches retirement, and Professor Gagnon has administrative duties as well as responsibilities with the department of French studies.

These changes have decimated this sub-field. There are only two professors specializing in Canadian politics this term. According to Meadwell however, steps are being taken to bolster the faculty.

"In the past six years, two professors have been hired in the field of Canadian politics, and there is another one coming," he said. "We are committed to maintaining and strengthening this field with regards to teaching and research. It is an important issue within the department."

In response to the department's reputation of all but ignoring Canadian politics, Meadwell points to the small staff and resultant difficulty in satisfying all the students' demands. He believes however that the department has strengths in other areas.

"McGill has other attractive features, namely international relations and comparative politics," said Meadwell.

Collins said the recent cuts in Canadian politics courses are not a departmental assault on Canada, but an unfortunate and extraordinary set of circumstances resulting in far fewer available professors.

If you are a disgruntled student who can't take Provincial Politics this semester, the present question to ask is why there exists no policy preventing the majority of professors from one sub-field from taking leave at once. What allows this set of circumstances to arise? All that was stated on this disorganization was that it was coincidental, very rare, and in the process of being rectified.

Fortunately it is unlikely this will happen again, as beginning in the fall of '94 a new program called the Institute of the Study of Canada will be available. At least one new professor in the political science department will be hired, and all the future Prime Ministers out there will be able to study more about Canada than ever before.